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1. SUMMARY. EFFORTS OF PM RABIN TO BRING NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY INTO GOVERNMENT COALITION WILL REACH CRITICAL STAGE IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO WHEN CURRENT COALITION PARTNERS AND NRP WILL FINALLY DECIDE ON PROPOSAL BY RABIN. ODDS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO NEGOTIATIONS LOOK FAVORABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER NEW PROPOSAL, SUBMITTED TO OVERCOME OBJECTIONS OF CURRENT COALITION PARTNERS TO EARLIER PROPOSAL (SEE REFTTEL), QUESTION OF SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION OF CONVERTED JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FOR ONE YEAR WILL BE REFERRED TO SPECIAL MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ALREADY ESTABLISHED TO PROPOSE SOLUTION, ON JEWISH CONVERSION PROCEDURES. COMMITTEE WILL GIVE DECISION ON SUSPENDING REGISTRATION OF CONVERTED IMMIGRANTS WITHIN THREE MONTHS, AND COMPLETE STUDY OF CONVERSION PROCEDURES WITHIN ONE YEAR.

3. AS NEW PROPOSAL ESSENTIALLY BRINGS NRP INTO COALITION ON BASIS OF STATUS QUO IN RELIGIOUS ISSUES, INDEPENDENT LIBERAL
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PARTIES SHARE PM RABIN'S DESIRE FOR BROADENED COALITION. RABIN HAS ASSURED PARTIES THAT ENTRY OF NRP WILL NOT CHANGE GOVERNMENT POLICY ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN AND CITED PLEDGE TO CALL ELECTIONS BEFORE CONCLUDING AGREEMENT CALLING FOR TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWALS IN WEST BANK. POSITION OF CITIZEN RIGHTS MOVEMENT LESS CERTAIN.

4. WHILE RABIN OCTOBER 1 STATEMENT ON TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWAL IN WEST BANK IN EXCHANGE FOR NON-BELLIGERENCY PLEDGE BY JORDAN MAY STRENGTHEN OPPOSITION OF YOUTH WING TO JOINING COALITION, WE BELIEVE, ON BALANCE, NRP WILL MUSTER MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF JOINING COALITION GOVERNMENT ON BASIS OF NEW PROPOSAL. (WE UNDERSTAND FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS THAT ABSENCE OF PATRONAGE IS REALLY HURTING NRP, PARTICULARLY FORMER MINISTERS WHO ARE PANTING TO RETURN TO GOVERNMENT.)

5. FOLLOWING MEETINGS OF VARIOUS PARTIES OVER NEXT WEEK OR TWO, PROSPECTS FOR BROADENED COALITION, WITH CONSEQUENT STRENGTHENING OF RABIN'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, WILL CRYSTALLIZE. ODDS AT THIS STAGE SEEM FAVORABLE.
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